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Re:

CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Annual Certification for Alteva of Warwick LLC, formerly the Warwick Valley Telephone Company d/b/a WVT Communications

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On June 26, 2014, pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act"), 47 <u>U.S.C.</u> §§ 151 <u>et seq.</u>, and 47 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 54.314¹, Alteva of Warwick LLC, formerly Warwick Valley Telephone Company ("Alteva"), filed a verified petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), under Docket No. TO01090575, requesting that the Board certify to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Administrator for the Universal Service Support ("USS") that Alteva's use of USS funds has been, is, and will continue to be consistent with the purposes for which such funds may be used according to federal law. Accordingly, the Board hereby and by the undersigned certifies

¹ 47 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 54.314(a) ("<u>Certification.</u> States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.").

that all federal high-cost support provided to Alteva in New Jersey was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Consistent with its prior Board petitions regarding the use of USS funds and the applicable Board Orders in that regard, Alteva has filed the following information:

- A- Cost Support Response Form and supporting schedules of Alteva of Warwick prepared as of June 26, 2013 (schedules for 2014 pro forma and 2015 projected).
- B- Affidavit of Jennifer Brown, Corporate Secretary and Executive Vice President of Alteva of Warwick, certifying that USS funds received by Warwick in the preceding calendar years (2013 and 2014), and will receive in 2015 for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, as required pursuant to section 254(e) of the Telecommunications of 1996 and 47 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 54.101 <u>et seq.</u>
- C- A copy of the proof of newspaper publications of this filing.
- D- An annual report filing of FCC Form 481, Carrier Annual Reporting, in support of Warwick's certification requirements for 2015 as required by 47 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 54.313. The report provides for example service quality standards, consumer protection compliance and, functionality in emergency situations.
- E- A copy of WC Docket No.10-90 of the Connect America Fund Intercarrier Compensation (CAF-ICC) data submission to the National Exchange Carrier Association for rate of return carriers seeking CAF-ICC support.

Having reviewed the petition and the information submitted in support thereof, and given that no one has objected to Alteva's continued use of federal USS funds, the Board certifies that USS funds received by Alteva in the preceding calendar years (2013 and 2014) have been and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, and that Alteva will use the federal USS funds it receives during 2015 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 <u>C.F.R.</u> § 54.101 <u>et seq.</u>

Should you have any questions regarding this certification, please contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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